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FOR THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

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SUBJECT: NYERERE LETTER

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 2339, B) STATE 139931

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE'S LETTER OF JUNE 1 SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER THE PARIS MEETING AND UNTIL WE HAVE A CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE IDEA OF JUST HOW FAR WE PLAN TO GO ALONG WITH THE AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE IDEA. I URGE THAT I BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO COMMENT ON A DRAFT RESPONSE.

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END SUMMARY.

2. PRINCIPAL THRUST OF NYERERE LETTER TRANSMITTED REF A IS FOR US NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN FRENCH-INITIATED EUROPEAN-AFRICAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. SINCE WE ARE ALREADY ATTENDING PARIS MEETING AND PROVIDING AIR LIFT FOR TROOPS IN SHABA* I BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL

AFTER THE PARIS MEETING IS COMPLETED AND UNTIL WE HAVE A CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF JUST HOW FAR WE PLAN TO GO ALONG WITH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE IDEA. OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

3. MEANWHILE WE WILL DRAW ON STATE 140672, 137343, AND ASSOCIATED MATERIAL TO KEEP AVAILABLE LEVELS OF TANGOV INFORMED (REF B). NYERERE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO DAR FROM ARUSHA THE LATTER PART OF THE WEEK. I WILL PROBABLY SEE HIM THEN AND GET A MORE UP TO DATE IDEA OF HIS CURRENT REACTIONS.

4. FYI: UK HIGH COMMISSIONER MOON WHO WAS SUMMONED TO ARUSHA JUNE 2 TO SEE NYERERE (AS WAS FRG AMBASSADOR, WITH FRENCH BEING IGNORED), TELLS ME NYERERE WAS SOMEWHAT LESS VIGOROUS WITH HIM IN HIS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT UK THAN HE WAS WITH DCM WALKER ABOUT US (DAR 2317). ACCORDING TO MOON, NYERERE WELCOMED CALLAGHAN'S RECENT "PERCEPTIVE" STATEMENTS ABOUT AFRICA, ABUSED FRENCH, AND WAS SURPRISED AND WORRIED ABOUT US ALONG LINES OF CONVERSAION WITH WALKER AND LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

5. AS TO SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO NYERERE, I BELIEVE THAT LETTER, WHEN IT COMES, SHOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH ISSUES HE RAISED. IT SHOULD EXPLAIN WHY WE CHOSE TO SUPPORT FRENCH, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN, RATHER THAN OAU OR UN, PEACE-KEEPING EFFORT IN ZAIRE. IT SHOULD BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE
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ON WHY WE BELIEVE CUBANS WERE BEHIND INVASION WITHOUT BELABORING THIS SUBJECT OR ASSUMING RIGHTEOUS ATTITUDE ABOUT IT. EMPHASIS ON OUR CONCERN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY RATHER THAN THE PRESERVATION OF MOBUTU WOULD BE HELPFUL. IT SHOULD REPEAT VIEW EXPRESSED BY SECRETARY VANCE THAT WE RECOGNIZED AFRICAN PROBLEMS HAVE THEIR OWN AFRICAN ROOTS. IT SHOULD REAFFIRM OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH TANZANIA IN REACHING JUST AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA PROBLEMS ON THEIR OWN MERITS. (THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE BASED, NOT ON WHAT OUR POSITION IS OR SHOULD BE, BUT ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE NYEJERE IN REGARD TO IT.)

6. FINALLY, THE AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE ISSUE, FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN IT, AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT NYERERE'S CONCERNS, MAY WELL BE CRUCIAL TO OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH NYERERE, DECISIVELY AFFECTING SUCH ISSUES AS RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND THE REENTRY OF THE PEACE CORPS TO TANZANIA. BECAUSE OF THE LARGER ISSUES INVOLVED AND BECAUSE OF THE FAST PACE OF EVENTS, I DO NOT WISH TO OFFER A DRAFT REPLY AT THIS TIME. I AM ALSO AWARE OF TIMING AND OTHER PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN WASHINGTON IN PREPARING AND CLEARING A PRESIDENTIAL LETTER.

7. ACTION: NONETHELESS, I MUST ASK URGENTLY THAT I HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND COMMENT ON THE LETTER BEFORE IT IS SIGNED
BY THE PRESIDENT. HIS COULD BE A CRITICAL DOCUMENT. WORDS AND
TONE, AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE, WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, AND I
CAN HELP.
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